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PENTECOST SUNDAY



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A special welcome to our visitors! We're glad to have you with us this morning. We pray that your spiritual life will be nourished through Word and song.

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Opening Song

Here I Am to Worship
Chris Tomlin

(please stand)

**Light of the World, you stepped down into darkness,
opened my eyes, let me see.
Beauty that made this heart adore you,
hope of a life spent with you.**

REFRAIN

***So, here I am to worship, here I am to bow down,
Here I am to say that you're my God.
And you're altogether lovely, altogether worthy,
altogether wonderful to me.***

**King of all days, oh so highly exalted,
glorious in heaven above.
Humbly you came to the Earth you created,
all for love's sake became poor.**

REFRAIN

**And I'll never know how much it cost to see
my sin upon that cross.
And I'll never know how much it cost to see
my sin upon that cross.**

REFRAIN

We Confess Our Sins and Hear God's Promise of Forgiveness ¹

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Brothers & sisters, Scripture says that "All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God," (Romans 6:23) It also reminds us that "The wages of sin is death." (Romans 3:23) In short, sin is a big deal.

Unfortunately, we cannot hide our sin. As Scripture teaches, "Nothing in all creation is hidden from God's sight. Everything is uncovered and laid bare before the eyes of him to whom we must give account." (Hebrews 4:13) Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.

C: **Have mercy on me, according to your unfailing love; according to your great compassion, blot out my transgressions. Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight. Surely I was sinful at birth, sinful from the time my mother conceived me. Cleanse me. Hide your face from my sins and blot out all my iniquity. (Psalm 51)**

P: Brothers & sisters, Scripture says, "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just; he will forgive us all of our sins." (1 John 1:9) This is because: "Jesus was delivered over to death for our sins and he was raised to life for our justification." (Romans 4:25) God did this because "He so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son that whoever believes in him will not perish but have eternal life." (John 3:16) Go, then, in the peace of God's forgiveness.

C: **Alleluia!**

P: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

¹Not that a pastor has the ability to forgive sins on his own, but Jesus tells his disciples: If you forgive anyone's sins, their sins are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven (Jn. 20:23) In other words, as Christians we pass on to each other the message of the Gospel with full confidence that it is truth: We have forgiveness of sins because of Jesus.

Song of Praise

Here I Am to Worship (Refrain)

*So, here I am to worship, here I am to bow down,
Here I am to say that you're my God.
And you're altogether lovely, altogether worthy,
altogether wonderful to me.*

Prayer of the Day

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Let us pray:

Holy Spirit, God and Lord, come to us this joyful day with your sevenfold gift of grace. Rekindle in our hearts the holy fire of your love that in a true and living faith we may tell abroad the glory of our Savior, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Father, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

(be seated)

² When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. ² Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. ³ They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. ⁴ All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.

⁵ Now there were staying in Jerusalem God-fearing Jews from every nation under heaven. ⁶ When they heard this sound, a crowd came together in bewilderment, because each one heard their own language being spoken. ⁷ Utterly amazed, they asked: “Aren’t all these who are speaking Galileans? ⁸ Then how is it that each of us hears them in our native language? ⁹ Parthians, Medes and Elamites; residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰ Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya near Cyrene; visitors from Rome ¹¹ (both Jews and converts to Judaism); Cretans and Arabs—we hear them declaring the wonders of God in our own tongues!” ¹² Amazed and perplexed, they asked one another, “What does this mean?”

¹³ Some, however, made fun of them and said, “They have had too much wine.”

¹⁴ Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd: “Fellow Jews and all of you who live in Jerusalem, let me explain this to you; listen carefully to what I say. ¹⁵ These people are not drunk, as you suppose. It’s only nine in the morning! ¹⁶ No, this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel:

¹⁷ “ ‘In the last days, God says,
I will pour out my Spirit on all people.
Your sons and daughters will prophesy,
your young men will see visions, your old men will dream dreams.
¹⁸ Even on my servants, both men and women,
I will pour out my Spirit in those days, and they will prophesy.
¹⁹ I will show wonders in the heavens above
and signs on the earth below, blood and fire and billows of smoke.
²⁰ The sun will be turned to darkness
and the moon to blood
before the coming of the great and glorious day of the Lord.
²¹ And everyone who calls
on the name of the Lord will be saved.’”

O Lord, open my lips,
and my mouth will declare your praise.

You do not delight in sacrifice, or I would bring it;
you do not take pleasure in burnt offerings.

The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit;
a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.

Create in me a pure heart, O God,
and renew a steadfast spirit within me.

Do not cast me from your presence
or take your Holy Spirit from me.

Restore to me the joy of your salvation,
and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me.

Then I will teach transgressors your ways,
and sinners will turn back to you.

The Gospel

Luke 24:45-49

(please stand)

⁴⁵ Then he opened their minds so they could understand the Scriptures. ⁴⁶ He told them, “This is what is written: The Messiah will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, ⁴⁷ and repentance for the forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. ⁴⁸ You are witnesses of these things. ⁴⁹ I am going to send you what my Father has promised; but stay in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high.”

We Confess Our Faith in God

The Nicene Creed²

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is,
seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one being with the Father.

Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary,
and became fully human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate.

He suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures.

He ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified,

who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

(be seated)

CHILDREN'S LESSON



After the children's lesson, a kids' area is available.
Meet the workers in back, and they will take the kids to
the playroom. You can pick them up at any time.

² The Nicene Creed has been used by Christians for centuries in order to confess their belief in the All-Powerful God in the way that Scripture reveals him.

Song of the Day

When God the Spirit Came
(CW #187)

**When God the Spirit came
Upon his church outpoured
In sound of wind and sign of flame,
They spread his truth abroad
And, filled with the Spirit,
Proclaimed that Christ is Lord.**

**What courage, pow'r, and grace
That youthful church displayed!
To those of ev'ry tribe and race
They witnessed unafraid.
And, filled with the Spirit,
They broke their bread and prayed.**

**They saw God's Word prevail,
His kingdom still increase,
No part of all his purpose fail,
No promised blessing cease
And, filled with the Spirit,
Knew love and joy and peace.**

**Their theme was Christ alone,
The Lord who lived and died,
Who rose to his eternal throne
At God the Father's side,
And, filled with the Spirit,
The church was multiplied.**

**So to this present hour
Our task is still the same:
In Pentecostal love and pow'r
His gospel to proclaim
And, filled with the Spirit,
Rejoice in Jesus' name.**

The Message

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Above All

Acts 2

Peter said to the crowd, “²³...Jesus was handed over to you by God’s deliberate plan and foreknowledge; and you, with the help of wicked men, put him to death by nailing him to the cross. ²⁴But God raised him from the dead, freeing him from the agony of death, because it was impossible for death to keep its hold on him... ³³Exalted to the right hand of God, he has received from the Father the promised Holy Spirit and has poured out what you now see and hear... ³⁸Peter replied, “Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins

TRUTH:

The Gospel places _____ above all else.

above the Father’s other _____.

...above Jesus’ own _____.

...above the Holy Spirit’s _____.

Acts 5:27-29

²⁷ The apostles were brought in and made to appear before the Sanhedrin to be questioned by the high priest. ²⁸ “We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name,” he said. “Yet you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and are determined to make us guilty of this man’s blood.”

²⁹ Peter replied, “We must obey God rather than men.”

TRUTH:

The Early Church placed the _____ above all else.

The Early Church Placed the Gospel above...

...1st century _____.

..._____.

...Jewish _____.

...personal _____.

...their own _____.

Matthew 28:18-20

¹⁸ Jesus said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.

¹⁹ Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you.

WHAT NOW?

_____ place the Gospel above all else.

Sermon Response

Create in Me

(please stand)

P: Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from your presence,
and take not your Holy Spirit from me.
Restore unto me the joy of your salvation,
and uphold me with your free Spirit.

C: Amen.

(be seated)



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(please stand)

Prayer of the Church

Spoken by the Pastor

The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father,
who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom
and the power and the glory
forever and ever.
Amen.**

The Words of Institution ³

P: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and give it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

In the same way, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks and gave it to all of his disciples, saying, "Drink from it all of you. This cup is the new covenant in my blood, which is poured out for you, for the forgiveness of all of your sins. Do this, whenever you drink of it, in remembrance of me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: Amen.

³We practice "Close" communion. If you are a guest, please speak with pastor before communing.

We Sing Our Prayer to Christ

O Christ, Lamb of God

O Christ, Lamb of
God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of
God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of
God, you take a - way the sin of the world;
grant us your peace. A - men. A - men.

The musical score is written on seven staves of a single treble clef. The melody is simple and repetitive, with a clear phrase structure. The lyrics are printed below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

(be seated)

Communion Song

Take and Eat
(CWS #741)

Refrain

Take and eat, take and eat, this is my bod - y

giv-en up for you. Take and drink, take and drink,

this is my blood giv - en up for you. *Last time*





1 I am the Word that spoke and light was made;
 2 I am the way that leads the ex - ile home;
 3 I am the Lamb that takes a - way your sin;
 4 I am the cor - ner - stone that God has laid,
 5 I am the Light that came in - to the world;
 6 I am the First and Last, the liv - ing One;



I am the seed that died to be re - born;
 I am the truth that sets the cap - tive free;
 I am the gate that guards you night and day.
 A chos - en stone and pre - cious in his eyes.
 I am the Light that dark - ness can - not hide;
 I am the Lord who died that you might live;



I am the bread that comes from heav'n a - bove;
 I am the life that rais - es up the dead;
 You are my flock: you know the Shep - herd's voice;
 You are God's dwell - ing place; on me you rest
 I am the Morn - ing Star that nev - er sets.
 I am the Bride - groom, this my wed - ding song.

To Refrain



I am the vine that fills your cup with joy.
 I am your peace, true peace my gift to you.
 You are my own: your ran - som is my blood.
 Like liv - ing stones, a tem - ple for God's praise.
 Lift up your face; in you my light will shine.
 You are my bride; come to the mar - riage feast.

Martin Luther reminds us in his Small Catechism that the power of the Sacrament is not our "eating and drinking . . . but the words 'Given' and 'poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins.'" This hymn underscores the powerful and creative Word of our Savior.

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We Give Thanks to God

(please stand)

P: Lord, now you let your servant
depart in peace
according to your word.
For my eyes have seen your salvation,
which you have prepared before
the face of all people,
a light to lighten the Gentiles
and the glory of your people Israel.

The Blessing

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look on you with favor and give you peace.

C: **Amen!**

Closing Song

Because He Lives
Matt Maher

**I believe in the Son
I believe in the risen One
I believe I overcome
By the power of his blood**

**Amen, Amen
I'm alive, I'm alive
Because he lives
Amen, Amen
Let my song join the one that never ends
Because he lives**

**I was dead in the grave
I was covered in sin and shame
I heard mercy call my name
He rolled the stone away**

**Amen, Amen
I'm alive, I'm alive
Because he lives
Amen, Amen
Let my song join the one that never ends**

**Because he lives
I can face tomorrow
Because he lives
Every fear is gone
I know he holds my life, my future in his hands.**

**Amen, Amen
I'm alive, I'm alive
Because he lives
Amen, Amen
Let my song join the one that never ends. (x2)**

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Garden Kids** is a great place for kids of all ages to learn more about their Savior. Sundays at 10am in the Early Childhood Center.
- **Growth Groups** are a great way to dig deeper into the past Sunday's sermon, connect with others and grow in faith. Sign up now at GatherToTheGarden.com/growth-groups to find a group near you.
- **Starting Point** is the perfect class for newcomers and if you want to refresh your faith. Sessions are Mondays from 7-9p & Saturdays from 10a-Noon. Check out GatherToTheGarden.com/growth-groups to sign up.
- **Sermon Archives.** Missed some of the sermons? Visit GatherToTheGarden.com/Messages for the sermon archive.

Thanks to those who served this week . . . June 9, 2019

9 am

Music: Ava Allen, Carol Carson,
Sam Barlow, Adrienne Fouts,
Scott Gibson, Adam Groth
Ushers: Mike Carson
Kid's Area: Sonia Dupree
Fellowship: Terry Witz, Diane Latorre

11 am

Music: Carol Carson, Vanessa Finnis,
Travis Gray, Scott Gibson,
Pastor & Julianna Kiecker
Ushers: Mike Wittig, Tanner Wittig
Kid's Area: Emily Young, Nikki Little
Fellowship: Carly DeGrange, Janell Pool
Counters: Barb Lucht, Barbara Morats

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